

8. Requirement for an Abstract

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9. Title

The title is not descriptive and a new title for the invention to which the claims are directed is required.

REMARKS

1. The Rejection Under 35 USC 112

Claims 1-15 have been amended to cure any indefiniteness, and claims 17-20 have been cancelled.

In claim 1, the recitation that the strut mechanism extends "over the curvature" of the scoop has been cancelled.

In claim 12, line 4, "a curved scoop" has been changed to -said curved scoop-.

In claim 13, the exact meaning of "beyond and under" has been clarified by reciting "beyond and under a leading edge of said scoop for facilitating the movement of said scoop; thereby to guarded against hitting roof screws and nails". And "the leading edge" has been changed to a leading edge.

In claim 14, the exact meaning has been clarified and "a" in line 2 has been changed to -said-.

In claim 15, "The method" has been changed to Apparatus as defined in claim 11.

2. The Objection to Claims 14 and 15
For Improper Dependency

In view of the objection to claims 14 and 15 as being of improper dependent form by failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim, these claims have been amended.

Claim 14 recites the step of sliding said strut instead of "positioning" it.

Claim 15, which contains only a structural limitation has been made dependent from apparatus.

3-5. The Rejection of Claims 16-20 as Anticipated

To advance the prosecution, claims 16-20 have been cancelled in view of their rejection on Wenzel, U.S. Patent 3,483,643 Issued Dec. 16, 1969 for Snow Scraper, or Goodnough, U.S. Patent 5,465,510 Issued Nov. 14, 1995 for Roof Rake.

6. Allowability of Claims 1-15

Claims 1-15, indicated to be allowable, have been amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112.

7. Objection to the Drawings

A proposed amendment to the drawings is attached to overcome the objection that the drawings fail to designate connector "75", holes "75-h1" and "75-h2", lock nut "75-n" and feet "74-f" referenced in the specification.

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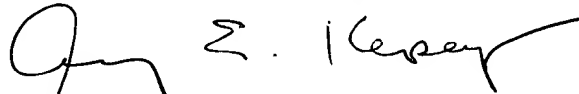
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A new title has been proposed for the invention to which the claims are directed.

Invitation to the Examiner

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below if there are any questions, comments or any changes are needed.

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